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rights therunto belonging (leaving only the Sov:
aigne allegiance due to the Crown of England)
and him the said Cecilius did create and constitute
Absolute Lord and Proprietarie thereof who by
Virtue of his said Lordship after possession taken
of this ~~part~~ Province did by publique proclamation
prohibit all persons whatsoever from trading with
any Indians of this Province without leave or licence
from or under his said Lordship first had and
obtained and certain Inhabitants whereof offending
against the said Proclamation presuming upon
former Grants and commissions from his Majestie
have been punished and proceeded against for un-
Lawfull trading without or before such leave and
licence obtained and thereof complaining to the
Kings Majestie where by him referred to the Lords of
his Majesties most Honourable Privy Council for
determining the right and Justice of the said
complaints which said Lords after full hearing
and debating of the cause have ordered and confirmed
the said Lord Proprietaries said right of sole trading
with the Indians of this Province declaring —
that no trade with the said Indians ought to be
within the precincts of his Lordships Plantation with-
out licence from his Lordship (as by the said order
bearing date at Whitehall 4th Aprill 1638 may appear)
We the ff: members of this Province taking into our tend-
er care the right and Priviledges of his said Lordship
so granted and declared and that the presumption
of such right and priviledge was the main and chief
encouragement of the said Lord Proprietarie to under-
take the great charge and hazard of planting this
Province and to encline the Gentlemen and other the
first adventurers to come therein with his Lordship by
propounding a portion and share therof unto such
as should adventure their persons and Estates for the
beginning of a Plantation here and being willing
and ready to our powers to assist his said Lordship in
all his rights and priviledges by inflicting penalties
on all such as I shall attempt to violate and infringe
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